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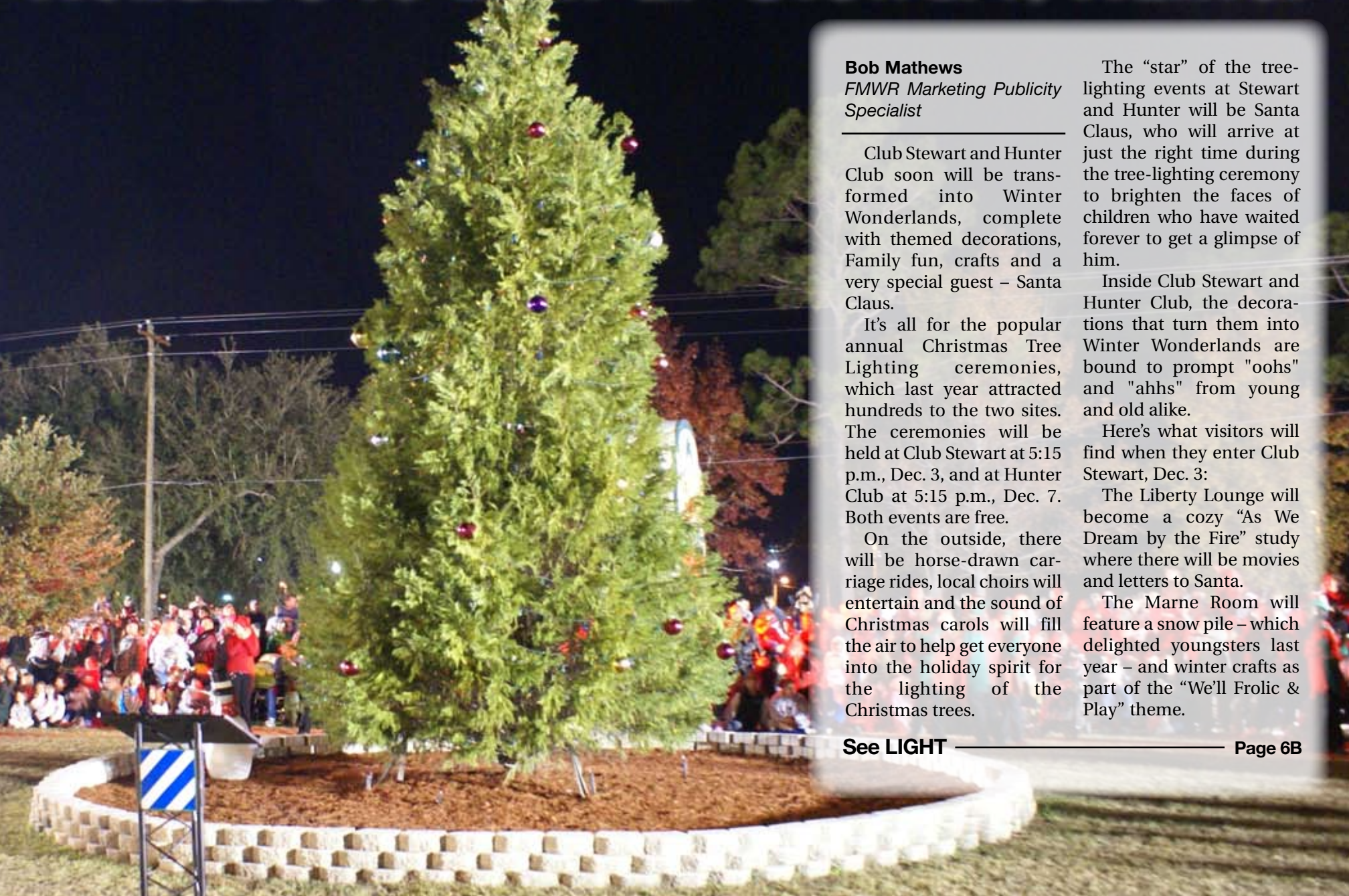
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THE FRONTLINE

COMMUNITY & LEISURE

NOVEMBER 26, 2009

Holidays to light up Stewart, Hunter



Bob Mathews
*FMWR Marketing Publicity
Specialist*

Club Stewart and Hunter Club soon will be transformed into Winter Wonderlands, complete with themed decorations, Family fun, crafts and a very special guest – Santa Claus.

It's all for the popular annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremonies, which last year attracted hundreds to the two sites. The ceremonies will be held at Club Stewart at 5:15 p.m., Dec. 3, and at Hunter Club at 5:15 p.m., Dec. 7. Both events are free.

On the outside, there will be horse-drawn carriage rides, local choirs will entertain and the sound of Christmas carols will fill the air to help get everyone into the holiday spirit for the lighting of the Christmas trees.

The “star” of the tree-lighting events at Stewart and Hunter will be Santa Claus, who will arrive at just the right time during the tree-lighting ceremony to brighten the faces of children who have waited forever to get a glimpse of him.

Inside Club Stewart and Hunter Club, the decorations that turn them into Winter Wonderlands are bound to prompt “oohs” and “ahhs” from young and old alike.

Here's what visitors will find when they enter Club Stewart, Dec. 3:

The Liberty Lounge will become a cozy “As We Dream by the Fire” study where there will be movies and letters to Santa.

The Marne Room will feature a snow pile – which delighted youngsters last year – and winter crafts as part of the “We'll Frolic & Play” theme.

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December full of Family, memories, holiday favorites

Commentary by Bruce Muncher
Network Enterprise Center

Welcome to the month of December. As we enter the final month of 2009 and begin to celebrate the holiday seasons of Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa, we get busy with shopping, decorating, writing cards, wrapping gifts and baking cookies with the kids.

We gather with Family and friends and sing carols and raise a glass for “Old Lang Syne.” We sit and reflect on the year that has passed and the events it brought forth. We think of Family and friends who are not with us or are in far away places defending our great nation. Remember that for some, the holidays are a difficult

time. Be sure to reach out to them and help them gather the strength to make it through the days ahead.

If only we could always see the world through the magic and innocence of a child's eyes. What a beautiful world it would be. That is my wish for each of you now and always. May that magic of seeing a flying reindeer or a singing snowman, always fill your heart.

So enjoy yourself with Family and friends and reach out to someone who may need a hand or a shoulder. Grab a jacket and put on some comfortable shoes and take advantage of the holiday events of coastal Georgia. Each new day brings with it a new discovery. So be sure to venture off your normal path and enjoy some of the follow-

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Bob Mathews

Specialist Stephen Saunders, a medic with HHC, 4/64 Armor, and his wife Kate, and daughters Samantha, 6, and Faith, 3 go for a ride on the holiday hayride, at last year's tree lighting. The hayride is just one of the many holiday events FMWR has planned for the community.

Archeology serves as a window to Stewart's past

Joseph Paul Maggioni
Directorate of Public Works

This month, in celebration of Native American Heritage Month, Fort Stewart commemorates a rich Native American past, dating back more than 10,000 years, to when the first humans appeared in Georgia. These people successfully adapted to their new home after originally crossing over from Siberia to North America 14,000 years ago. Their descendants prospered over several millennia until the Europeans colonized the continent in the 15th and 16th centuries. However, Native Americans who lived here before the Europeans left behind no written record. Whatever we know about the way prehistoric Native Americans lived, how they hunted or grew their food, how they worshipped their gods, and how they governed themselves is known almost entirely through archeology, which is the scientific study of ancient cultures through examination of excavated material remains. Archeology serves as a window to the prehistoric past.

There are hundreds of prehistoric Native American archeological sites on Fort Stewart. One of the most significant prehistoric sites is located at a point near the Canoochee River in the eastern half of Fort Stewart. Here you will find a small, unassuming mound of earth nestled in a forest of oak and hickory trees, the final resting place of a respected leader or chief. He had been buried at around 1200 A.D., at about the same time Mongol hordes overran China, and King John of England signed the Magna Carta. Today the site is called the “Lewis Mound” which is named after the first person to archeologically document this important site.

Archeologists believe that the first people to occupy the Lewis Mound likely settled the place at some point between 2200 and 1700 B.C. Archeologists date this settlement to the presence of early pottery that is known to have been made during this time span. Because of the small number of these artifacts, it is probable that these people stayed only briefly to hunt or gather wild plants.

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Hinesville dedicates Fields of Hope to child abuse victims

Krystal Britton
Hinesville Public Relations

November 16 marked the fourth annual “Fields of Hope” dedication ceremony erected by Prevent Child Abuse, Liberty. Members of PCAL, the City of Hinesville and residents from the community met at the field, which is located on the old hospital site on Highway 84 in Hinesville, to bring awareness to child abuse and

neglect in the community.

The display consists of 175 flags, each representing a substantiated case of child abuse/neglect in the community.

“Today, we recognize this issue in our community and pledge to do something about it,” said Charles Frasier, City of Hinesville Mayor Pro Tem. “It is our job to protect our children and teach parents and caregivers how to cope.”

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P R E S E N T S
FRIDAY THROUGH Nov. 29

Where The Wild Things Are
Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.
(Max Records, Benicio Del Toro)
Misunderstood at home and at school, mischievous Max escapes to a land populated by majestic, and sometimes fierce, creatures known as the Wild Things. The Wild Things allow Max to become their leader, and he promises to create a kingdom where everyone will be happy. However, Max soon finds that being the king is not easy, and that his relationships with the Wild Things are much more complicated than he originally thought.
Rated PG (mild thematic elements, adventure action, brief language) 94 min.



Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069 or go to www.aafes.com/ems/conus/stewart.htm.

The Stepfather
Sunday — 7 p.m.
(Penn Badgley, Dylan Walsh)
When Michael Harding returns home from military school, he discovers that his mother has a new man, named David, in her life.
Though David makes Michael's mother very happy, Michael cannot seem to shake feelings of distrust. He becomes increasingly suspicious of David, and wonders if the man's pleasant exterior hides a sinister side.
Rated PG-13 (intense sequences of violence, disturbing images, mature thematic material and brief sensuality) 141 min.

Pets of the Week
Looking for a good home...



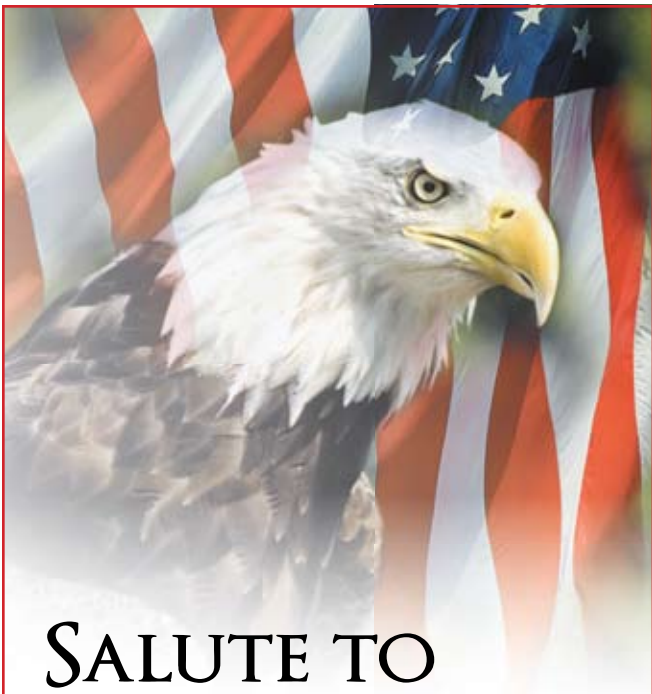
Angel the dog & Caramel the cat

are two of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



For more information, visit the
Frontline online at
www.stewart.army.mil
Team Stewart

share your comments at
[www.twitter.com/ 3rdIDMediaTeam](https://twitter.com/3rdIDMediaTeam)



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SpecialProjects.CoastalCourier.com/VeteransDay.html
CoastalCourier.com | BryanCountyNews.net
ConnectStewartHunter.com





DFMWR Briefs

Lunch programs postponed

Effective Dec. 1, Club Stewart and Hunter Club are postponing their lunch programs for the remainder of the year.

Lunch will reopen after the first of the year with a new concept. For more information, call either club at 368-2212 (Stewart) or 459-7923 (Hunter).

Marne and Stewart Lanes Bowling Centers both offer great lunch menu. Check out their specials!

Home Again Health & Fitness Program

Develop support and facilitate healthy perspectives toward exercise and diet through education, demonstration and group activities in a social setting in the Home Again Health & Fitness Program.

The program runs Dec. 1 through Feb. 26, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Tominac Fitness Center, building 919. There is no charge.

There will be an initial weigh-in, goal-setting, calorie-mapping, recording weight loss and reporting muscle gain biweekly, plus nutrition basics and hormone balance.

For details, call 315-2019.

Support groups for children and teens

Child, Youth & School Services, with support from Military Family Life Consultants, will begin coping support activities to help children and teens with anxieties or concerns associated with a deployed parent.

For children in grades 1-5, the support activities will be from 4-5 p.m. each Wednesday beginning Dec. 2, at School Age Services, building 7097. In conjunction with the children's program, a parent group will be conducted at the same time. SAS children and non-SAS children are welcome to participate.

For youth in grades 6-12, the support activities will be from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Thursdays, starting Dec. 3, at the Youth Center, building 7338.

The support sessions are informal, with information on how children and teens can manage their behaviors during difficult times.

All participants must be CYSS registered. Parents are requested to notify the SAS center, at 767-5662 or the Youth Center to sign up their children.

For more information, contact the School Liaison Office at 767-6533.

Gingerbread House Day at Stewart

Join us for lots of fun with the special gingerbread

house project by Hays Library in partnership with Child, Youth and School Services' EDGE Program.

The program will be from 4:30-5:30 p.m., starting Dec. 3, and continuing for the next two Thursdays — Dec. 10 and Dec. 17 — at George P. Hays Library, building 411.

Children will hear stories about gingerbread and construct a gingerbread house.

Parents need to enroll children at CYSS Central Registration, 767-2312, to take part. Space is limited.

For more information, call 767-1341.

Living in the 'New Normal'

A "Living in the New Normal" workshop for community professionals, educators, Family Members, and other concerned adults, will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 3-4 at the Liberty County Board of Education Building, 200 Bradwell St. in Hinesville.

The workshop is presented by Military Child Education Coalition and was developed to support military-connected children during times of uncertainty, trauma and grief.

Participants will learn tools that children need to help them during difficult times.

For details, call Fort Stewart School Liaison Office 767-6533.

National Cookie Day at Corkan

Celebrate National Cookie Day from 3-11 p.m., Dec. 4, at Corky's Snack Bar, Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449. Buy one chocolate chip cookie and get another free. Why not skate, climb, laser tag or bowl after enjoying your cookie? For more information, call 767-9884.

50-Bird Skeet Shoot at Hunter

There's still time to register for a 50 Bird Skeet Shoot that will begin at 10 a.m., Dec. 5, at the Hunter Skeet Range, building 8250 at Hunter Army Airfield.

Registration will continue until Dec. 3, when a pre-shoot muster is held. The cost is \$30 per person and includes two rounds of skeet and required tie-breakers. Entries received after Dec. 3 will be charged a \$40 entry fee.

There will be five categories of shooters: youth, ladies, beginner, novice and expert. Tournament officials could possibly move shooters up or down in their category if deemed necessary. Prizes will be awarded to first-place winners in each category.

A barbecue lunch will be served on the day of the event and at the pre-shoot muster at 5 p.m., Dec. 3

for registered shooters.

Modified National Skeet Shooting Association tournament rules will apply. No reloads will be allowed.

For more information, call 315-9554.

Hilton Head Christmas shopping trip

Are you ready to get in a little Christmas shopping? Join us on a trip to the Tanger Outlet Centers on Hilton Head, S.C., Dec. 5. Group will depart from Leisure Activities Center, building 443, at 9 a.m. Participants must register by Dec. 4.

The cost is \$10 for bus transportation. For details, call 767-2841 at Stewart or 315-3674 at Hunter.

Holiday Hayrides at Stewart, Hunter

Holiday Hayrides, one of the year's most popular events for Soldiers and their Families, are scheduled again this year at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

Here are details:

Stewart: From 6-10 p.m., Dec. 11, at Corkan Family Recreation Area. Santa will be there, and there will be caroling, a hayride giving you a look at the season's lights, cookies and more. The hayride ticket price is \$5 per Family. All Corkan facilities will be open and operating at discount prices on this special occasion. Get your tickets at the ticket counter. For more information, call 767-9884.

Hunter: Hallstrom Lake Recreation Area (off Perimeter Road) will be the site for the event from 5-8 p.m. Dec. 12. See the season's lights as you enjoy the hayride.

We'll also have caroling, outdoor movies, marshmallow roast, hot chocolate, popcorn, a warm fire and more. Hayride price is \$5 per Family. Sign up in advance at Equipment Checkout Center, building 8454 or Pass & Permit Office, building 1286.

For more information, call 315-9554 or 315-5163.

Atlanta Hawks vs Boston Celtics

Watch the Atlanta Hawks take on the Boston Celtics in a game at Phillips Arena in Atlanta on Jan. 29. Tipoff is at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person, which includes admission and transportation to the game. Seating is in the 300 level at the arena.

Sign up with the Leisure Travel Office by Dec. 15. For more information, call 767-2841 at Fort Stewart or 315-3674 at Hunter Army Airfield.

Please come out and join us in the ballroom of Club Stewart for a sponsored Marne Call

Friday, December 4th starting at 6 p.m

If you love karaoke, great food and a DJ to play your favorite tunes, this is where you want to be. You can even register to win a 32" flat screen TV, a PS3 game system, MP3 players, DVD players, and gift cards, compliments of two of our newest sponsors, USA Discounters and Brave Spirits. There is no cover charge! So come out and celebrate the season with friends. *See you at Marne Call!!*

For more information call 912-767-5118.

Corkan

closed for

Thanksgiving

All

Corkan Family

Recreation

Facilities

will be closed

Thursday,

Nov. 26

in celebration of

Thanksgiving.



Faith in God gives holiday joy

Chaplain (Capt.) Dave Cromeenes
4IBCT, 3rd ID Brigade Chaplain

Holidays are certainly great opportunities in our lives to be joyful, prayerful and thankful. Most of us have memories of wonderful experiences with Family and friends during the holiday season.

This week we will celebrate Thanksgiving, which is an American tradition to get together with others to consume a lot of turkey, dressing, stuffing, potatoes, pumpkin pie, ham and much, much more.

In reality, most of 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers are currently deployed and will not be able to see their Families. Many Single Soldiers in the barracks

will simply wake up, walk to the Dining Facility, eat great food then go back to their dorm room and hang out.

During this Thanksgiving it may be difficult to be so joyful because of being deployed or away from extended Family.

As Soldiers, single or married, this holiday season will be a wonderful opportunity to reach out to other members of our units, platoons and squads to make sure they are cared for.

Faith in God and trust in His divine plan will allow us to be joyful, prayerful and thankful during this holiday season; "...give thanks in all circumstances..."

Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart

	Location	Time
Catholic		
Saturday Vigil Mass	Main Post Chapel	5 p.m.
Sunday Mass	Main Post Chapel	9 a.m.
Protestant		
Contemporary Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Main Post	11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage	11 a.m.
Kids' Church	Diamond Elementary	11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday)	Main Post Chapel	9:30 a.m.
Islamic		
Friday Jum'ah	Marne	1:30 p.m.
Contact Yahya Hassan at 876-5546.		
Jewish		
Friday	Heritage	11:30 a.m.
Contact Sgt. 1st Class Crowther at 767-6717.		
Latter-Day Saints		
Sunday	220 Sandy Run Drive, Hinesville	9 a.m.
Hunter Army Airfield		
Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	11 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Service	Chapel	9 a.m.

Kids Church Where God rocks

at Stewart School Age Services, across from
Diamond Elementary 10:45 a.m. to noon,
Sunday; or at Hunter Chapel Fellowship Hall at
9:15 a.m., Sunday

For children grades K-5

Fort Stewart bus pick-up:

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Main Post Chapel

For more information, e-mail
fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com.

Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry

Fort Stewart Youth Ministry exists to share "Biblical Truth" with middle and high school age youth, to disciple them in the Christian faith, and to equip them for lives of Christian service.

For weekly meeting information, go to
www.twitter.com/ftstewartyouth
or contact
Jerry Thompson,
Fort Stewart Youth
Ministry Coordinator
at (912) 920-9982.

Fort Stewart Youth Ministry schedule

Nov. 26: No Bible Study

Nov. 29: No Youth Meeting

The Ministry reminds the community that the youth group is no longer meeting at 6 p.m. on Sundays at the Youth Center.

The Youth Ministry program is for all youth in grades 6-12 who live in the Fort Stewart area. For more information, call Jerry "Mr. T" Thompson at 920-9982 or 247-2626.

Weekday Catholic Schedule

Roman Catholic Daily Mass:

Main Post Chapel, 11:45 a.m., on Mon., Wed.-Fri.

Roman Catholic Confession:

Main Post Chapel, 4 – 4:30 p.m., Saturday



Ft. Stewart/Hunter Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Christmas Sale at Marne Lanes

1 Dec. until 24 Dec. – Marne Bowling Center, Bldg. 402

Looking for a nice gift for someone special? Marne Lanes might be just the place to find it! Beginning Dec. 1 and ending on Christmas Eve, we will be having a sale on Pro Shop items. 767-4866

CYSS Coping Support Groups @ FS

Wednesdays, Starting 2 Dec. (Grades 1-5) @ SAS, Bldg. 7097

Thursdays, Starting 3 Dec. (Grades 6-12) @ Youth Center, Bldg. 7338

Child, Youth & School Services, with support from Military Family Life Consultants, to have Coping Support activities to help children and teens with anxieties or concerns associated with a deployed parent. Informal sessions. Children must be CYSS registered. Call or visit SAS center (767-5662) or Youth Center (767-4491) to sign up children. For more information, contact School Liaison Office (767-6533).

Christmas Tree Lightings @ FS, HAAF

3 Dec., 5:15 p.m.; Club Stewart, Bldg. 405, 368-2212

7 Dec., 5:15 p.m.; Hunter Club, Bldg. 6015, 459-7923

Christmas carols and tree lighting followed by arrival of Santa Claus. Horse-drawn carriage rides. Inside Club Stewart and Hunter Club there will be pictures with Santa, children's games and activities, cookie treats, and more. For more information, call Special Events Coordinator (767-6212).

50 Bird Skeet Shoot @ HAAF

3 Dec. Sign-up Deadline; Event 5 Dec., 10 a.m. – Hunter Skeet Range, Bldg. 8250
Five categories: youth, ladies, beginner, novice and expert. First-place prizes awarded in each category. Cost \$30 per person includes two rounds of skeet and required tie-breakers. Barbecue lunch served day of event. Preshoot muster 5 p.m., Dec. 3 for registered shooters. Modified National Skeet Shooting Association tournament rules apply. No reloads allowed. 315-9554.

Hilton Head Island Christmas Shopping Trip

4 Dec. Sign-up Deadline; Trip 5 Dec., 9 a.m.

Tanger Outlet Centers on Hilton Head

Ready for Christmas shopping? Join us on a trip to Tanger Outlet Centers at Hilton Head, S.C. Group will depart from Stewart Leisure Activities Center, Bldg 443 to the outlet centers. Cost \$10 for bus transportation. For details, call Leisure Travel at 767-2841 (Stewart) or 315-3674 (Hunter).

Trees for Troops @ FS & HAAF

11 Dec, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Stewart Leisure Activities Center, Bldg 443 & Hunter Auto Crafts, Bldg 1288. Christmas trees donated by Christmas Spirit Foundation (representing Christmas tree growers/distributors) & FedEx distributed to Soldiers. One tree per military Family or single Soldier on "First Come, First Served" basis. No charge. 767-6212 (FS) or 315-6244 (HAAF)

Holiday Hayride @ FS

11 Dec., 6-10 p.m. – Corkan Family Recreation Area

Enjoy season festivities with ones you love. Santa, caroling, hayride, season's lights, cookies, and more. Hayride ticket price \$5 per Family. All Corkan facilities open and operating at discounted prices to extend holiday spirit to our valued customers. Tickets at ticket counter. For more information, call 767-9884.

Holiday Hayride @ HAAF

12 Dec., 5-8 p.m. – Hallstrom Lake Recreation Area (off Perimeter Road)

Another opportunity to enjoy season festivities with ones you love. Caroling, hayride, season's lights, outdoor movies, marshmallow roast, hot chocolate, popcorn, warm fire, and more. Hayride price \$5 per Family. Sign-up in advance at Equipment Checkout Center, Bldg 8454 (315-9554) or Pass & Permit Office, Bldg 1286 (315-5163).

Holiday Sunday Brunch @ FS & HAAF

13 Dec., 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Club Stewart, Bldg. 405 and Hunter Club, Bldg. 6015

Menu features breakfast items and traditional Holiday favorites. Cost: CPL & below: \$12.95 for adults, \$6.47 for children (ages 5-10), children (under age 5) FREE! SGT & above and all others: \$14.95 for adults, \$7.47 for children (ages 5-10), children (under age 5) FREE! For more information, call 368-2212 (Stewart) or 459-7923 (Hunter).



Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Live Oak Public Libraries Liberty Branch Library and Midway-Riceboro Branch Library

All Live Oak Public Libraries will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving, Nov. 26-27.

Preschool Storytime

Throughout the month of November, story time will be held for children ages 3-4, at 10:30 a.m., Mondays. Join us for stories, songs, and more.

Tree Tots Storytime

Every Tuesday in November, story time will be held for children ages 1 and 2, at 10:30 a.m. Join us for stories, songs and more.

Savannah Winds conducts Fall Feast

The Savannah Winds will present their "Fall Feast" concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium of Armstrong Atlantic State University, Dec. 1. Tickets are \$14, with a \$2 discount for military, seniors, and children. Call (912) 344-2801 for tickets and information.

Operation Homefront offers assistance

Operation Homefront is now able to help financially-strapped Families afford sports team registrations, cultural and art classes for children of Georgia servicemembers. If you have questions, call Christina Anthony or Ashley Carpenter at 368-9622.

Growth management meetings held

Fort Stewart Growth Management Partnership Director Jeff Ricketson announced meeting dates for the advisory committees working on detailed elements of the regional plan.

To attend or learn more about the meetings, contact the partnership through the Web site at www.growfortstewart.com or by call (912) 408-2069.

NARFE to meet in Savannah

The National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees, a non-profit organization made up of active and retired federal employees are seeking current and prospective members who live within the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield com-

munity. The Savannah Chapter 249 NARFE will hold its December program at Carey Hilliard's Restaurant, 11111 Abercorn Street Extension, Savannah, Ga., which will be presented by Armstrong Atlantic State University Choir at noon, Dec. 10.

Lunch will be served for \$12.25 and includes salad, buffet, dessert and coffee or tea. No tax or tip required and pay at the door. Contact Opal Anderson at 927-4467 or: o_anders@bellsouth.net for reservations. For more information, contact John Thompson at 927-176 or jttcit@yahoo.com.

'Gently worn' shoes needed

Hinesville is supporting "Keep Liberty Beautiful" as a collection site for the Thanks4Giving program. This program collects "gently worn" shoes that are delivered to people in need around the world. Simply place your shoes in the bin in the City Hall lobby from now until Nov. 24. You can make a difference with your gift of shoes. For more information, visit www.giveshoes.org or contact Sara Swida, Executive Director of KLB at (912) 368-4888.

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Nov. 30 – Hinesville Christmas in the Park, Downtown Bradwell Park, 5-8 p.m., Tree lighting, Santa, Caroling

Dec. 1-6 – 9th Annual Trees for Life, Savannah Westin Resort, free, 201-2018, dozens of decorated trees

Dec. 1-31 – 22nd Annual Fantasy of Lights, Sumter S.C., free, (800) 688-4748, over 1 million lights

Dec. 1 – Savannah Winds Fall Feast Concert, Armstrong Auditorium, 730 p.m., \$14, (912) 344-2801

Dec. 3 – Fort Stewart Tree Lighting Ceremony, Club Stewart, 5:15 p.m., Evening of music, food & Santa

Dec. 3 – Downtown Hinesville Open House every Thursday till 7 p.m. until Dec. 17; Scavenger Hunt, see stores

Dec. 4 – Hinesville Illuminated Christmas Parade, thru downtown Hinesville, 6:30 p.m., 368-4445

Dec. 4 – First Friday Fireworks, Savannah River Street, 9:30 p.m. www.riverstreetsavannah.com

Dec. 5 – Savannah River Bridge Race, 5K & 10K, 8:15 a.m., \$30, Registration prior at www.active.com

Dec. 5 – Christmas on the Homefront, Mighty Eight Air Force Museum, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., free

Dec. 6 – Christmas on the River & Lighted Parade, Savannah River Street,

9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Free, parade is at 5:30 p.m., www.riverstreetsavannah.com

Dec. 6 – Holiday Tour of Homes, Richmond Hill Museum, Richmond Hill Ga., 1 p.m., 756-3697

Dec. 7 – Pearl Harbor Day, <http://plasma.nationalgeographic.com/pearl-harbor/>

Dec. 7 – Hunter Tree Lighting Ceremony, Hunter Club, 5:15 p.m., evening of music, food and Santa

Dec. 11 – Fort Stewart Winter Special Olympics, Marne Lanes, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., 767-5058

Dec. 11-31 – Skatefest 2009, Savannah Civic Center, \$7 per session, multiple sessions each day, 651-6556

Dec. 11 – Fort Stewart Holiday Hayride, Starting point Corkan Arena, 6-10 p.m., \$5, 767-9884

Dec. 11 – Jim Brickman Concert, Savannah Johnny Mercer Theater, 8 p.m., \$32-\$43, 651-6556

Dec. 12 – Wreaths for Warriors Walk Ceremony, Cottrell Field, noon, www.w4ww.org

Dec. 12 – Holiday Tour of Homes, Historic Savannah, 11 a.m.–3pm and 5-8 p.m., \$30, www.dnaholidaytour.net

Dec. 12 – Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes, St Mary's, Ga., 5-9 p.m.

Dec. 12 – The Nutcracker in Savannah, Savannah Lucas Theater, 7:30 p.m., \$27-\$50, 525-5050

Dec. 12 – Hunter Holiday Hayride, Starting point Credit Union Parking lot, 6-9 p.m., \$5, 315-9554

Dec. 12 – City Market Holiday Open House, Savannah Ga., 6-9 p.m., free, Enjoy lights, carolers, food

Dec. 13 – Holiday Brunch, Club Stewart and Hunter Club, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., \$14.95

Dec. 13 – Holiday Tour of 5 Inns, Historic Savannah, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m., \$20, www.dnaholidaytour.net

Dec. 16-19 – Fiddler on the Roof, Savannah Lucas Theater, 8 p.m., \$29-\$49, 525-5050

Dec. 25 – 34th Annual Holiday Jazz Concert, Savannah Westin Resort, 5 p.m., \$20, 920-1317

Dec. 26-30 – Davenport House Candlelight Tours, Savannah Ga., 6-8:30 p.m., 236-8097, \$8-\$10, Reservations

Dec. 26-30 – The Beat Goes On, Hits of the 60s, 70s, 80s, Savannah Theater, 8 p.m., \$35, 233-7764

Dec. 31 – New Years Eve Party, Club Stewart, 8 p.m. to 3 a.m., 368-2212

Dec. 31 – New Years Eve Cruise, Savannah Riverboat Cruise, various

packages, \$45-\$140, 232-6404 festivalsandevents.com/festival.php?state=GA

www.sciway.net/calendar.html

www.w4ww.org

web.georgia.org/events/

www.connectstewarthunter.com/

www.stewart.army.mil

You can check out all of the above local events and many others in the surrounding area by checking out the Team Stewart Web site, Quality Time Magazine or Quality Time Calendar or one of the other sites listed above.

You can also follow the 3rd ID on Facebook and Twitter and read The North Star, which is the daily newsletter from Iraq.

Also read about the upcoming flu season and the precautions you should take for the H1N1 flu.

Now and during the holiday season, be cognizant of your surroundings. Always lock your doors and windows and leave a light on in the house and watch out for your neighbors. Help take a bite out of crime and report any suspicious activity.

Enjoy your time with Family and friends but be safe. Always think safety first. We want to see you through a winter full of fun and adventure.

ARCHEOLOGY

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Most of the prehistoric pottery on the site dates to 1200-1300 A.D., and mound construction also dates to this time period. Therefore, it is theorized that settlement of the Lewis Mound site became more intense and permanent at this time.

Lewis Mound was the permanent resident of a chief and his family, and the mound site and the area surrounding it also served as a seasonal home for his people from the late spring to the fall. The soil of the area likely supported slash and burn cultivation of plants during the summer months, which meant that

the people may have cultivated garden food plots by felling trees and burning an area, which would open up cultivation space and release nutrients in the soil. Both men and women would then work on spring planting. The women would also tend the fields after cultivation, collect wild herbs for medicine, made pots, cooked, repaired village houses, amongst many other activities. Men probably helped in the field, and hunted animals such as turkey, deer, raccoon, and bear.

Most of the Lewis Mound people moved to the coast during the winter and early spring to take advantage of food sources there such as fish and shellfish. In fact, many shell midden sites on Liberty and Bryan County coasts are less than a day's travel from Lewis Mound.

The Lewis Mound site was also less than fifty kilometers from the Irene Mound Site, about four miles northwest of Savannah on the Savannah River. The Irene Mound is a larger mound center excavated in the 1930s and since destroyed by construction of the Georgia Ports Authority. The Lewis Mound, as a smaller chiefdom, may have been subject to this larger mound center, and probably paid tribute after summer harvests.

No pottery is found that postdates 1425 A.D., so the site was almost certainly abandoned at that point. People also deserted the Irene Mound site and most of the Savannah River Valley, leaving a wilderness largely devoid of people. It is unknown what caused the population to abandon the area, although many archeologists theorize it may have been caused by warfare. The Irene Mound site shows evidence of a

later palisade wall, likely used for defensive purposes. What ultimately happened to the people who lived at the Lewis and Irene Mound sites remains something of a mystery.

The Lewis Mound site has only been partially excavated and is actively protected from any disturbance by the military or civilian use of the area. Through preservation of the site and the artifacts collected from the surrounding village, archeologists hope to one day answer questions about this important site. How large was the village at the Lewis Mound site? For food, were the inhabitants gathering mostly local resources, such as acorns and hickory nuts, or were they beginning to grow more sophisticated, developed plants, such as maize (corn), or beans? How frequently did the people of Lewis Mound move each year? Did corn become a significant part of their diet? Perhaps most importantly, why did these people abandon their home of many generations, to leave for parts unknown? Further investigation, both at Lewis Mound and at other sites along the Georgia coast, may provide the answers to these questions about the Native American past on the Georgia coast. So far, archeology has offered a fascinating, if incomplete, window into the lives of Fort Stewart's first inhabitants.

For more information regarding cultural resources at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, please visit www.stewart.army.mil/dpw/crhome.asp. Remember, disturbing archaeological sites or collecting artifacts on federal property such as Fort Stewart without a permit is a crime (including metal detecting). Please help us protect the past for the future.

Photograph by Dwight Kirkland, Fort Stewart DPW

This knobbed whelk shell was found at the Lewis Mound site at Fort Stewart. A prehistoric craftsman began working the shell's central core to make beads. However, the individual apparently abandoned the project, leaving behind this artifact.



HOPE

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"As residents of Liberty County, we must do our part and not only report cases of suspected child abuse and neglect, we must also work to educate the public so that the signs and symptoms of child abuse or neglect are recognized more clearly and so that the methods to cope with the cause and effects are learned," Leah Poole, PCAL president said. She added that residents must also support agencies who work to keep our children safe. The flags for the Fields of Hope demonstration were

donated by Woodmen of the World, a local fraternal organization that supports community endeavors. Woodmen of the World has the distinction of being the second largest distributor of American flags, next to the U.S. government.

Helen's Haven, a children advocacy center in Hinesville, hosted an open house immediately following the dedication ceremony to recognize World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Nov. 19, and the

City of Hinesville proclaimed Nov. 16-22 as Child Abuse Prevention Week in Hinesville in an effort to encourage all residents, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to support Families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

For more information on PCAL, please call (912) 368-4282 or (912) 368-7531.

Army Community Service



ACS classes are free and open to active duty, Army Reserve, National Guard, Family Members, retirees and Department of Army Civilians. ACS is a member of the Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation, proudly serving America's military.

Get more from your paycheck

Your Financial Readiness team introduces a fast-track approach to getting more out of your paycheck, a new class that is a pre-requisite to most financial counseling appointments. We'll work with you individually in a group setting and teach you exactly how to create and maintain an accurate and effective personal budget. You will also learn how to evaluate your financial situation, establish personal goals, develop a personal cash flow, and the importance of involving the entire Family in the recordkeeping and budgeting process. If you need more, individual financial counseling appointments can be made at the completion of class. Call 767-5058/5059 to register for the class at Stewart, now offered each Tuesday from 1-3 p.m.

Newcomer's welcome packet available

Now available on the Team Stewart Web site, a newcomer's welcome packet provides a wealth of information about the Stewart-Hunter installation, including cost of living, population, child care, schools, youth services, housing, employment, post services, medical services and more. To access the welcome packet, visit www.stewart.army.mil (click on the NEWCOMER tab at the top of the page, then select WELCOME PACKET). Local maps, telephone directories, and current event calendars are available from your Relocation Readiness specialists, located at your local Army Community Service Office. For more information, call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Newcomer's briefings available

A Newcomer's Welcome/Family Orientation is offered at Fort Stewart every Tuesday and Thursday.

Presented by the Army Community Service Outreach Program, the orientation provides an overview of the many agencies, events, and programs available to help with your transition to the area, and offers an opportunity to meet other new Families and service-members. The Outreach staff can also assist with any issue or concern you may have as a newcomer. Please call 767-2467 to register. Also ask about child-care.

View ACS calendar of classes online

Visit the Team Stewart Web site to view the current ACS calendar of classes. Visit www.stewart.army.mil (from the FAMILY menu, select Army Community Service, and click on the link to view our current calendar). With more than 40 classes and workshops available, the online calendar is your one-stop source for complete class listings.

Need someone to talk to?

Military and Family Life Consultants are available to provide free and confidential support when you are having difficulty coping with issues related to daily life. At Hunter, appointments can be made by calling 655-8327. Appointments at Stewart can be made by calling 432-1033, 492-6428, 432-0013, 536-7854, 432-1798 or 492-6367.

If you prefer to meet with a counselor off-post, please call 492-6367 at Stewart or 704-9505 at Hunter to schedule an appointment. Off-post sessions are available at these local community locations: Richmond Hill Library, Glennville Welcome Center, Pembroke Senior Center, and Hinesville National Guard.

Bring the kids to Play Mornings

Parents are invited with their children (ages 0 to 36 months) to spend time playing together. Led by an energetic and playful adult from our New Parent Support Program, the play mornings are designed for meeting, sharing, and playing with other military Families in a fun, upbeat atmosphere. At Stewart,

Play Mornings are held each Thursday at the Bryan Village Youth Center. At Hunter, Play Mornings are held each Tuesday at the New Gannam Community Center. The fun begins at 10 a.m. at both locations. No pre-registration is required; simply bring your child's immunizations record and register at the door.



Special Olympics

Volunteers Needed

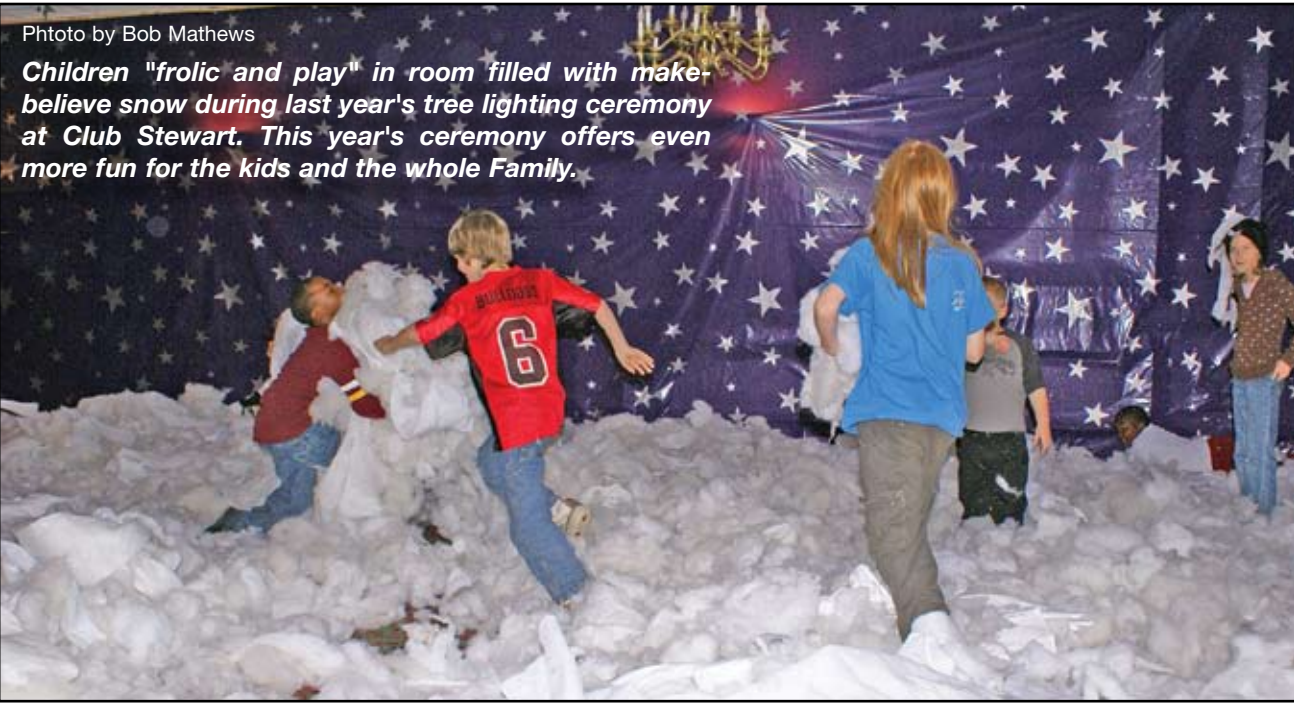
The Special Olympics would not exist today without the time, energy, commitment and enthusiasm of volunteers. Fort Stewart is hosting the Winter Special Olympics at Marne Lanes, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 11. This one-day event is a great opportunity for you to give a helping hand as a hugger, score sheet runner and, most importantly, the audience and cheering section.

To find out more about this great volunteer opportunity, contact your local ACS at 767-5058.

LIGHT

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The Palmetto Room will offer ornamental craft as part of its "In the Lane Snow Is Glistening" theme. Rockets Lounge will become "In The Meadow We Can Build a Snowman," with a fun-filled snowman relay and cookies for treats. The Headlights Lounge theme of "Here to Stay is The New Bird" will offer an opportunity to make bird house ornaments, and in Patriot's, the theme of "Sleigh Bells Ring Are You Listening" will feature reindeer crafts. The Club Stewart ball room will become the North Pole, and everyone knows who can be found there: Santa Claus. There will be opportunities for photos with Old St. Nick. For more information about Club Stewart, building 405, call 767-6212. At Hunter, Dec. 7: Hunter Club's ball room will become the North Pole and its No. 1 Resident, Santa Claus, will be there on Dec. 7, the evening of the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Hunter Army Airfield. As at Club Stewart, there will be opportunities for photos with Santa. Visitors to Hunter Club also will find other features of the Winter Wonderland theme: "As We Dream by the Fire" in the TV/Bar Room; "In the Lane, Snow is Glistening" and "Here to Stay Is the New Bird" in the Hunter Room, and "In The Meadow We Can Build a Snowman," in the VIP Room. Outside the Hunter Club, beginning at 5:15 p.m., the sound of Christmas carols will fill the air, with local choirs taking part. Horse-drawn carriage rides will add to the festive atmosphere as the tree is lighted and Old St. Nick pays a call on Hunter. The outside activities at Hunter Club will have an additional attraction: live reindeer, which last year delighted youngsters and grownups. Look for colorfully dressed elves at both "Winter Wonderlands." For more information about Hunter Club, building 6015, call 459-7923.



Special Deliveries

Provided by Winn Army Hospital



May 5

Noah Michael Barfknecht, a boy, 8 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Spc. Desirae Barfknecht and Spc. Joseph Mitchell.

October 17

Alexis Carolina Stiver, a girl, 6 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Louis Emory Stiver III and Claudia Torres Stiver.

November 15

Mya Allysa Cormier, a girl, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Spc. Ana Cormier-Martinez and Jerry Cormier.

Zamir Grady Sanders, a boy, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Sgt. DeNorris Sanders and Krystal Sanders.

November 16

Haleigh Rae Miller, a girl, 6 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Pfc. Derek Raymond Miller and Daria Sofia Miller.

Lily Belle Spoor, a girl, 5 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Pfc. Tyler Clark Spoor and Brittany Anne Spoor.

November 17

Jaxon Anthony Harris, a boy, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Pfc. Michael Anthony Harris and Cassie Nichole Harris.

Rosalie Isabella Vitti, a girl, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. Michael Justin Vitti and Tiffany Janiese Vitti.

November 18

Kennedy Lee Furnia, a girl, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Capt. Jeremiah Furnia and Erin Furnia.

Gabriel Alexander Negrón, a boy, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Sgt. Leonardo Negrón and Sgt. Lorrienne Pozas.

Thomas Robert Sanders, a boy, 6 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Capt. Andrew Philip Sanders and Ana Maria Sanders.

Jaida Marie Studnicka, a girl, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Pfc. Anthony Studnicka and Caril Studnicka.

November 17

David Alan Hansen, a boy, 8 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Spc. Kody M. Hansen and Mary C. Hansen.

Amari Joshua Hicks, a boy, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Sgt. Joshua Hicks and Melissa Hicks.

Jenevieve Mariella Hope, a girl, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Sgt. Jeffery Michael Hope and Jillian Marie Hope.

Hailey Elizabeth Stroud, a girl, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Spc. Bryan Elliott Stroud and Lacey Nicole Stroud.

November 20

John Deon Burdette, a boy, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. John Burdette and Letasha D. Burdette.

Kailani Sylvia Cabanatan, a girl, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Nicholas Cabanatan and Cassandra Cabanatan.

Jaylee Grace Fortner, a girl, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Staff Sgt. John M. Fortner and Michelle Fortner.

Savannah Leigh McFadden, a girl, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Charles McFadden and Abby McFadden.

Chloe Elise Styers, a girl, 9 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Pfc. Robert Styers and Amanda Styers.

November 21

Chloe Marie Russell, a girl, 7 pounds, 1 ounces, born to Pfc. Paul Russell and Sarah Russell.

November 22

Jonah Christopher Leal, a boy, 7 pounds, born to Pvt. Michael T. Leal and Sherry Ann Leal.